

# THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS Session C

**General Body Meeting**  
**7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 13, 2018**  
**Devon Hall 120**

### Session C

**Roll Call – 7:03pm**

**Flag Salute – Representative Bonić**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Representative Blank seconded by Representative DeAngeli**

**Chair's Report** – Welcome to all of all of our new members! We are going to deal with the final bills of Session 100 before going into the new session. Congratulations on winning your elections, and thank you to all of our old members who will be leaving us who have all done great work. Last Monday, President Shurbaji, Vice President Hardin, President-Elect Gibbs, CAC Chair Rabb, GSS Chair Pavlowsky, and I had a meeting with President Gallogly about the budget and the recent layoffs at OU. I presented information about the things that Congress has been working on recently, and he will be looking over all of that information in the coming weeks. If there was anything pertaining to your committee that we discussed, I will let you all know about the progress being made on it. I also wanted to talk about a few things that Congress has done this session. This was a really important year for Congress with the new President coming in for the university. We've seen the Alcohol Bill which got a lot of feedback from the OU Daily and whose requests were ultimately met. We saw a resolution on Title XI which went very high up the university hierarchy and was talked about by the local NPR station. The University Policy Committee helped to launch a Food Recovery Network organization on campus to make sure that we are wasting less food on campus. We have also made sure that the mandatory alcohol training on campus now has information about drugs and how drugs interact with alcohol. We also passed the Real Food Resolution, and we will be seeing the effects of that soon. We also had the External Affairs Committee do the voter registration drives and register many voters as well as put together information about absentee voting and the state questions. Thanks to all of you for working so hard this semester!

**Vice Chair's Report** – If this is your last meeting, thank you for serving Congress and the students so well! You have all done awesome work this semester. It was a pleasure being your Vice Chair and coming to committee meetings to see what you all have been accomplishing. If you are leaving, please keep your nametag as a memento of your time with us. We are seeing the Liaison Reform Bill today which I've worked with the Executive and the Congressional Administration Committee on. I hope you've enjoyed working with us.

**Secretary's Report** – Hey everyone! This is our last meeting of Session 100, meaning that all of your unexcused absences are wiped clean for Session 101. We will be seeing our last expulsion bill for Session 100 for a few members who have accumulated a significant number of absences, and then we will start over for Session 101. The bills that we are seeing tonight are going to change the ways that you complete your attendance requirements in the future, so be sure to consider that when you are asking questions about the

bill. New members, if you have questions about anything that is going on or anything regarding attendance, feel free to ask me any questions. Vice Chair Cordova will be running orientation at the beginning of next semester where you will all learn about everything that is going on.

### **Committee Reports-**

- **Communications:** This is one of my last meetings because I will be resigning from Congress after this meeting. I have had a great time being the Communications Chair. Tomorrow we have an event which will be an SGA Open House. Try to make it from 11:00am-2:00pm. We are also having an informational event in collaboration with the Second Wind Coffeehouse. This will be the Wednesday after Thanksgiving break. This will be to let people get to know our new Representatives. The Thursday after Dead Week we will have a study night to just hang out at the end of the semester. Please order the merchandise! We need 24 orders, and we don't have that yet, and it's good stuff.
- **Congressional Administration:** We saw two bills this week. CB-100-40 got a rec of no rec, and CB-100-41 got a rec of do pass. We got started on our Code Cheat Sheets, and those will be done at the end of the semester.
- **External Affairs:** Like Amer, this will be the last meeting for me. Shoutout to the External Affairs Committee because I was feeling burnt out at the end of last semester, and they made my semester very enjoyable. The mayor will hopefully be coming to speak to us in the near future. There will also be Higher Education Day where we will be able to lobby for higher education funding. There is also the opportunity to promote local businesses at OU Loves Norman Day.
- **Human Diversity:** We have decided to scrap the Campus Climate Board of Advisors rewrite in favor of different avenues of reform. There is the project for faculty and students of color and the video for that project. They also want to continue their menstrual hygiene products, and they want to be the intermediate role for that process and for the organizations which already do this. They have also not heard anything back about the Sexual Harassment Resolution from the administration, which is disappointing, so they are looking into that.
- **Problems and Projects:** We dealt with one concern about the lack of seating in the Union. We are waiting to hear back about that. We also heard back about the student safety on Jenkins Avenue near the stadium. We are waiting to hear back from the city of Norman about safety concerns and the statistics about that. We are planning Problem, Projects, and Puppies for after Thanksgiving break. We are working on promoting the Suggestion Box.
- **Sustainability:** We talked about the Greek recycling project and the bike week idea. There is an event this Friday, a trash walk, starting at 4:00pm at the Duck Pond parking lot. There will be hot cocoa and cider, and it will be a really good time. Bring your own mugs please!
- **University Policy:** We are working on all of our projects and those are getting wrapped up soon. The bills should be ready after Thanksgiving. Abbey Wegrzynski made a really cool website for the Food Recovery Network, and you should all check it out. You can ask her, Tavana, and Lauren about it and about joining the student organization.
- **Ways and Means:** We saw two Auxiliary Funding bills since we last met that you will hear about later. The Student Legal Services Funding bill has not been written yet.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Special Orders**

#### **Student Concerns**

Powers: I had five students reach out to me about Soonerthon requesting money on their Venmo's.

Chair: I'll have Congressional Administration look into that because they have oversight over all of the branches of Student Government Administration.

Rojas: I have been hearing that there is cross examination of gluten-free and non-gluten-free products in the restaurants on campus. Some students have been unable to eat because the practices of the restaurants are not safe.

Chair: I'll have Problems and Projects look into that.

Williams: My concern is that we go to a university where staff can be randomly fired without us knowing. When we selected this new President, one thing we focused on was transparency. I think that firing people with an email on a Thursday morning is not very transparent. There should be student input on any major

hiring's and firings. I appreciate that student leaders are trying to meet with him, but I want those involved to let us know about what is going on, and I want to know what their opinions about this. We, as students, need to know what he's thinking about these things.

Chair: I'll let the University Policy Committee look at that.

OI Felkner: Is the Chair aware that section 3.7 of the staff handbook in the fourth paragraph should receive certain benefits before being fired?

Chair: The Chair is now aware, and we brought this up with President Gallogly. One thing that wasn't made clear to the public was that any employee that was allowed this time period was their day of notice. Any employee who could be fired immediately was not. They did follow the policy, but it wasn't clear in the information that they released.

McClintic: Students have complained about having no places to eat around where the Cate Restaurants used to be.

Chair: I'll have the Problems and Problems and University Policy Housing and Food Committee look into this.

### **Old Business**

#### **Items to Be Considered**

AB-100-15 Auxiliary Allocation 10 Act of 2018-2019 (Patton) (WAM → rec of do pass)

**Seen as a block with AB-100-16**

AB-100-16 Auxiliary Allocation 11 Act of 2018-2019 (Quick) (WAM → rec of do pass)

**Motion to see AB-100-16 and AB-100-17 as a block**

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Kuketz**

Quick: We have \$53,438.65 left for the next semester after these two funding bills.

Cordova: What does Alpha Kappa Delta Phi need the general expenses funding for?

Quick: Rental facilities and supplies.

Bouch: Did any organizations get denied funding?

Quick: No

Cassidy: We funded BSA a couple of times this semester. Have they hit their limit?

Quick: I believe this is only their second Auxiliary Funding request.

Cassidy: Are any organizations close to their limit of Auxiliary Funding requests?

Quick: No

Bouch: Did the American Indian Student Association submit two requests?

Quick: Yes

**Motion to go to a roll call vote**

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Rojas**

**Passed by a roll call vote of 25-0-0**

CB-100-39 An Act Expelling Session 100 Associates (Holt) (Exec → rec of do pass)

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Khan**

Holt: Hey everyone. This is my least favorite part of my job. These are some members who have accumulated too many absences and are eligible for expulsion. These are their absences for the entire first semester, and they are far more than the limit of four that we have. They each have about eight absences. I will take a friendly amendment removing Alan Jacob because he reached out to me and resigned. There are benefits to this because if you are expelled, you can never rejoin SGA. Resigning gives you the option to do this in the future. The other two members never reached out to me, so I could not do anything to help them.

*Williams: Would you accept a friendly amendment removing Alan Jacob from this bill?*

*Holt: Yes*

**Passed by unanimous consent**

CB-100-40 Liaison Reform Act (Cordova) (ConAd → rec of no rec) (Exec → rec of no rec)  
**Seen as a block with CB-100-40**

CB-100-41 Constituent Service Reform Act (Cordova) (ConAd → rec of do pass) (Exec → rec of do pass)  
**Motion to see CB-100-40 and CB-100-41 as a block with 6 minutes for author's explanation**  
**Representative Blank seconded by Representative Quick**

Cordova: I am proposing a new Liaison Reform Bill. We aren't seeing a ton of engagement with people wanting to be liaisons and reaching out to the student body currently, which is unfortunate because the role of student government is to engage with constituents. We want to make sure that all members of our body are engaging with all parts of the student body and for them to know that they are all a part of SGA. All members of Congress will now be mandatory liaisons. This is something that we have done in the past. Representatives must serve with either an organization which is in their academic district or that is large and serves the whole student body. Associates are at-large liaisons for organizations which don't fit into general academic districts. To make this role more concrete, the requirements are now one meeting with their RSO per month. This can be a general, executive, or other meeting held by the organization—anything that would be beneficial. An event attendance is also required. This is a super low time commitment, because it is one event per session, which is almost a semester long. Liaison service will be kept track of in the same type of way that the constituent service is. There is a lot of flexibility in this, because you can discuss alternative ways to complete the requirement with whoever the Vice Chair is. This will begin at the beginning of next semester. The next bill changes constituent service to congressional service. Liaison requirements are essentially the constituent service requirement, but we don't want to lose engagement at the congressional events. If you currently do your constituent service as congress events, this will look exactly the same. The two bills must pass together so there is not overlap. I want to stress that even though this looks like a large requirement, it isn't any different than what we currently do. Instead of doing the constituent service hour, you do the liaison requirement, and instead of the office hour, you do the congressional service hour.

Williams: We have talked about a friendly amendment for the past few days that would clarify that organizations which specifically ask for a member of Congress would get them as a liaison. Where would that go?

Cordova: I would make it a separate, sixth point and change the numbering.

Williams: Number six would become number eight?

Cordova: No, just move the numbers down.

Blank: You mentioned that there are many alternatives, what would those be?

Cordova: These would change with each Vice Chair. You could table with your district if you can't meet with your organization that is in your academic district. I am really open to ideas, everything kind of has to be approved by the Vice Chair, but I think that there will be a lot more people reaching out, so if there is a better opportunity for them, there will be flexibility.

Kuketz: Why was it earlier that the liaison program was made optional?

Cordova: The role of a liaison was very unclear, so people didn't know what to do with their organization. I don't know what the policy with absences was before, but I know that there were people who were not satisfied with not knowing what they were supposed to do. It was repealed because people didn't understand the program.

McClintic: Should it be required that the people at these events let everyone know that they are from SGA?

Cordova: This would look different with each organization. They could announce in front of the whole club, but for some it might be more beneficial for them to meet with the executives.

**Motion to extend time for question by 10 minutes**  
**Representative Quick seconded by Representative Schneider**

Hart: Does it have to be an RSO or could it be a departmental organization?

Cordova: I would prefer an RSO because the intent is to work with students and groups that SGA can help. We are most looking to help student organizations. The Vice Chair has always been able to assign liaisons to any group, so I could assign that.

Hart: I am a liaison for the Energy Management Student Organization, and they get funding from the school and other organizations. There are a lot of other student organizations that could benefit from a liaison that aren't RSO's. Could you be a liaison for an organization that you would be on the executive.

Cordova: If it's mostly constituted by students, which it sounds like this is, I would be fine with that. In terms of liaisons for organizations that you are already in, Dan will offer an amendment that says that any organization which requests a member would get that member as their liaison.

*Williams: Would you accept the friendly amendment regarding requested students?*

*Cordova: Yes*

*Cassidy: Would you accept a friendly amendment changing RSO to student organizations to make the language more broad?*

*Cordova: Yes*

Bouch: What makes an organization eligible to receive a liaison?

Cordova: It would be a student organization or an organization that has a relationship with Congress. Every organization that you would be a liaison for with this bill would have to be approved by the Vice Chair.

Blank: Can I be a liaison for any organization I want?

Cordova: Every organization has to be approved by the Vice Chair. I plan on sending out a form to get the interest of the organizations and then go from there. I would not give out additional liaisons until everyone had an organization to work with. If you were requested by an organization, then yes. I will be thinking about your schedule, and your ability to work with the organization, and your maintained interest with working in that position. I won't give you something you don't want to do.

Blank: So the liaison position doesn't have to be within the academic district?

Cordova: The bill says it has to be that or a large student organization. Dan's amendment would only change that for organizations which request people.

McClintic: What is your opinion on student organizations which spends a certain amount of money every year and requiring them to have liaisons?

Cordova: I don't think we need to do that now, and we do have the Ways and Means Committee which communicates with organizations that request a significant amount of money on a regular basis. If they felt that they needed a specific liaison, that could be considered.

Nadolski: Would you reappropriation the positions that are already held?

Cordova: I would likely start from scratch. I would send out something like an OrgSync form to gauge interest, but if there was a request made, I wouldn't see it as a benefit to remove members from those organizations.

Quick: Do the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary have to serve as liaisons?

### **Motion to extend time for questions by 5 minutes**

#### **Representative Quick seconded by Representative Blank**

Cordova: Richard and I would currently because we are Representatives. Tom does not because he is not a Representative or an Associate. If the Vice Chair and Secretary were not Representatives, they are not automatically Associates. The Budget Chair must be an Associate no matter what, so they don't have choices about this requirement.

Quick: Would you accept a friendly amendment exempting the Ways and Means Chair from these requirements?

Cordova: Offer it as a hostile amendment so that the body can consider it.

Felkner: I am a liaison for two different organizations. One is more about involvement and the other is more about budget items. Would I not be able to serve with two organizations as a liaison?

Cordova: No, I would not restrict you from doing this.

Blank: Would it be possible to make the Ways and Means Chair not an automatically an Associate?

Cordova: All committee chairs are automatically Associates, which is so that they can be members of Congress regardless. That would be a separate bylaws change. Tonight we would be able to consider the amendment talked about.

Blank: Would this excuse them as Representatives as well?

Cordova: From what I understand about Representative Quick's intentions, this would be regardless of their standing as a Representative or Associate.

Begović: Why do you disagree with the proposed amendment?

Cordova: I don't disagree, just want to hear discussion?

Bouch: Can they be considered de facto liaisons because they already reach out to so many organizations?

**Motion to suspend the rules and extend time for questions by 7 minutes**

**Representative Quick seconded by Representative Schneider**

Cordova: Per this legislation, no, because they wouldn't be meeting all of the requirements of the bill.

**Debate**

**Motion to recess for 1 minute**

**Representative McClintic seconded by Representative Blank**

**Motion to see Representative Quick's hostile amendment**

**Secretary Holt seconded by Representative Nadolski**

Quick: I will be adding a subsection 8a which says that the Ways and Means Committee Chairperson shall be exempt from these requirements. I do eight office hours per week, I have positions within SGA outside of Congress, and I meet with many organizations outside of the office for funding concerns.

Cordova: Are you aware that your amendment as is does not exempt you from the congressional service requirement?

Quick: I am now.

Williams: How long does your work take you each week outside of your eight office hours?

Quick: About four hours. I meet with organizations outside of office hours and I take phone calls regularly.

Blank: It sounds as though the time you spend as Ways and Means Chair replaces your outside time requirements, but why should be able to double dip with the Representative position if you choose to run?

Quick: I am held accountable by the Executive Committee.

Williams: How many organizations do you meet with in a week?

Quick: Maybe one or two in person every other week. On emails, I answer probably 20 each week to help them with their budgets and guiding them through the process.

Nadolski: How do you see the implementation of this new program helping people figure out their budgets, and would that free up more time for you? Does the liaison program alleviate some of that traffic that comes your way?

Quick: It depends on if the liaison is familiar with the budget process. I think this is a good program, and I would have debated in support of it had it come to that.

Williams: Will you amend the other bill?

Quick: Yes

Bouch: Do you think the additional requirements would burden you in your current position?

Quick: It would add more to my plate. I really only have a few nights each week available to do anything outside of my general schedule. I would likely be unable to complete many of the requirements.

Bouch: Are you currently exempt from the office hours and the constituent service requirement?

Quick: Yes, all Ways and Means Committee members.

Blank: Would the other members of your committee be exempt from the new requirements?

Quick: No, and they don't do much outside of the meeting times except for during the Primary Funding period, so it shouldn't be an issue.

Begović: Why should you be exempt from the congressional service?

Quick: I am not as concerned about that, so I likely won't offer the amendment.

Nadolski: Is this just how you handle the job, or will the future Ways and Means Chairs also be involved with other organizations?

Quick: The ones that I have seen have always done this, so I assume that they will continue in the future.

## **Debate**

### **Proponency**

**McClintic**

**Hart**

Motion to rise from Debate and go to a roll call vote

Representative Williams seconded by Representative Begović

Passed by a roll call vote of 25-0-1

### **Motion to rise from debate**

**Representative Williams seconded by Representative Rojas**

Cordova: Now the bill states that if an organization requests you, you get to be their liaison. The Ways and Means Chair also does not have the liaison requirements. The purpose of this bill is to make sure that Congress has a better relationship with the student body.

**Passed by a roll call vote of 21-3-2**

## **Follow-Up Reports**

**Announcements and Comments**

**Final Roll Call**

### **Motion to adjourn sine die**

**Representative McClintic seconded by Representative Khan**

## **Adjourn Sine Die**

Chair: Thomas Cassidy

Vice Chair: Mackenzie Cordova

Secretary: Richard Holt

<b>Session 100</b>	<b>General</b>
Begović, Amer	x
Bell, Aspen	ex
Biškup, Emma	x
Blank, Faith	x
Bonić, Karla	x
Bridwell, Trey	x
Cordova, Mackenzie	x
DeAngeli, Emma	x
Del Rio, Paulina	ex
Douglas, Zoe	ex
Duechting, Donald	ex
Fees, Elaina	ex
Felkner, Katy	x
Guido, Trinity	abs
Hart, Harrison	x
Haugland, Sara	x
Hobson, Sarah	x
Holt, Richard	x
Khan, Adam	x
Kolker, Sephra	x
Kuketz, Tim	x
Manuel, Pedro	ex
McClintic, Alex	x
Merchant, Mahak	ex
Mohamoud, Abdifatah	abs
Nadolski, Karley	x
Patterson, Savannah	x
Powers, Shayla	x
Quick, Samuel	x
Rojas, Julio	x



Schneider, Caitlin	x
Thompson, Gabi	x
Vanderford, Elliott	abs
Wegrzynski, Abbey	x
Werdel, Gina	x
Williams, Dan	x
Wilson, Taylor	ex
<b>Present</b>	26
<b>Absent</b>	3
<b>Excused</b>	8

<b>Session 100</b>	<b>AB-100-15</b>	<b>AB-100-16</b>	<b>CB-100-39</b>	<b>Hostile Quick</b>	<b>CB-100-40</b>	<b>CB-100-41</b>
Begović, Amer		y		y	y	
Bell, Aspen						
Biškup, Emma		y		y	y	
Blank, Faith				y	y	
Bonić, Karla		y		y	n	
Bridwell, Trey		y		y	n	
Cordova, Mackenzie		y		a	y	
DeAngeli, Emma		y		y	y	
Del Rio, Paulina						
Douglas, Zoe						
Duechting, Donald						
Fees, Elaina						
Felkner, Katy		y		y	n	
Guido, Trinity						
Hart, Harrison		y		y	a	
Haugland, Sara		y		y	y	
Hobson, Sarah		y		y	y	
Holt, Richard		y		y	y	
Khan, Adam		y		y	y	
Kolker, Sephra		y		y	y	
Kuketz, Tim		y		y	y	
Manuel, Pedro						
McClintic, Alex		y		y	y	
Merchant, Mahak						
Mohamoud, Abdifatah						
Nadolski, Karley		y		y	y	
Patterson, Savannah		y		y	y	
Powers, Shayla		y		y	y	
Quick, Samuel		y		y	y	
Rojas, Julio		y		y	y	

Schneider, Caitlin		y		y	a	
Thompson, Gabi		y		y	y	
Vanderford, Elliott						
Wegrzynski, Abbey		y		y	y	
Werdel, Gina		y		y	y	
Williams, Dan		y		y	y	
Wilson, Taylor						
<b>Yes</b>	0	25	0	25	21	0
<b>No</b>	0	0	0	0	3	0
<b>Abstain</b>	0	0	0	1	2	0